Proposal for incentives to increase Engineering Exports

878. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to give incentives to increase engineering exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that engineering export promotion council had given some suggestions to Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) Promotion of exports has been the constant endeavolur of the Government. Measures taken to boost exports of engineering goods consist of various incentives under the Export-Import Policy including Duty Exemption Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, Special Import Licences, Duty Drawback Scheme, exemption under section 80 HHC of Income Tax Act, assistance from Market Development Funds and Making available deferred credit and line of credit to facilitate exports etc. In addition, a new scheme called Engineering Products Export (Replenishment of Iron & Steel Intermediates) Scheme has been notified by the Government on 1.3.95. The suggestions/requests received from the Export Promotion Council (EEPC) relating to the Govt. policy have been considered in consultation with the concerned Departments and incorporated in the Exim Policy wherever necessary.

Exemption of Non-Basmati Rice from Levy

879. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have exempted or propose to exempt export quality on non-Basmati rice from levy;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the present rice stock position (both Basmati and non-Basmati) available with the Food Corporation of India and how long it is likely to last to sustain the Public Distribution System; and

(d) what is the quantity of Basmati and non-Basmati rice exported during each of the last three years and proposed to be exported during the year 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) In September, 1994 the Central Government decided to exempt non-Basmati super fine rice meant for export from levy during the 1994-95 Kharif Marketing Season. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, West Bengal and Rajasthan have given effect to this decision. Government of Orissa intimated that no rice mill in the State is engaged in export activities, while Mizoram have intimated that no non-basmati rice is being exported from the State. Manipour informed that no levy order exists in the State.

In May, 1995 the Central Government further decided to exmpt the fine variety of non-basmati rice also meant for export from levy during the rest of the 1994-95 Kharif marketing season. In response to this Mizoram and Tripura have stated that there is no levy on rice in these States while Assam and Himachal Pradesh informed that there is no export of fine rice from these States. Delhi and Madhya Pradesh have given effect to this decision.

(c) The present stock of rice in the Central Pool as on 1-7-1995 is 16.44

million tonnes which is considered sufficient to meet the requirements of the next two years of Public Distribution System at the current rate of offtake.

(d) The following is the quantity of Basmati and Non-Basmati rice exported during each of the last three years:—

Basmati Rice

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value
1992-93	324790	80064.42
1993-94	527233	106126.81
1994-95	468696	85776.04
	Non-Basmati Rice	
1992-93	255619	17495.70
1993-94	240454	22544.29
1994-95	422727	32345.32

It is not possible to estimate at this stage the quantity of rice likely to be exported during 1995-96, as the exports will depend on international demand and prevailing prices.

Supporting Employment Generating Facilities

880. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to have sufficient infrastructural facilities "to support employment generation activities" in small and medium towns to arrest the migration of population to major urban towns as reported in the Indian Express dated the 19th July, 1995;

(b) the details of provisions made in the current financial year for increasing/ generating more employment in the country; and

(c) whether any study undertaken to ascertain the impact of economic reforms on these employment problems by any organisation during the last three years, if so, the details and action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Posts filled on Deputation in Consumer Courts

881. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the posts that are to be filled on deputation in various consumer courts are published in the Employment News;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the procedure followed by the National Consumer Court in the recruitment of staff as also the procedure followed by the district consumer courts;

(c) how many of the deputationists have completed their prescribed period of tenure and the steps taken to repatriate them;

(d) if not, the reasons thereof;

(e) whether over aged people are working in the National Consumer Court; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Ministry does not compile this information.

(b) Vacancies in the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Comission (National Commission) that are to be filled on deputation basis, are notified to all the Ministries of the Government of India, the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Delhi, Central Administrative Tribunal etc. for inviting applications from the eligible persons. Vacancies in the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Comissions (State Commissions) and